

The School Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss legal, personnel, safety and labor matters.

The public will be able to comment on agenda items only prior to any vote during the regular meeting. Citizen comments on non-agenda items, from those who put in a request, will be heard at the conclusion of the regular Board meeting.



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Steel Valley School District

School Board Meeting  
High School Library  
In-Person  
February 26, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call  
Flag Salute  
Acknowledgements  
Moment of Silence

- Motion to place an appropriate selection of books into the school libraries in memory of the Steel Valley Family members acknowledged this evening.

Reports:

President of the School Board

Student Representatives to the School Board

Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent

Director of Pupil Services

Director of Technology

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of:

- January 26, 2026 worksession meeting
- January 29, 2026 regular meeting

Solicitor Motions

1. Motion to approve the settlement with M&J Big Waterfront per the attachment of various parcels: 130-J-145; 130-J-170; 130-N-401; 130-E-160; 130-E-152; 130-J-155; 130-C-125; 130-C-200; 130-D-225; 89-M-75; 130-E-300-3.
2. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to settle the pending Board of Viewers proceeding with Munhall Homestead Housing Association.
3. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to settle the pending Board of Viewers proceeding at BV 20-000741 (180-C-169).

1.0 Financial Management

Budget, Finance, Insurance, Audit, Funding, Taxes

Mrs. Ballas, Chair  
Mr. Bulger, Co-Chair  
Mrs. Hughes

- 1.1 Motion to approve a refund to Matthew Blazeovich Lot & Block 132-S-169, in the amount of \$1,481.41 for year 2025.
- 1.2 Motion to approve the Lugaila Mechanical Inc. Change order #9 Relief Air Pathway Modifications which is an add of \$34,458.76.
- NEW 1.3 Motion to approve a refund to Commonwealth Charter Academy School Lot & Block 130-J-110, in the amount of \$150,564.78 for year 2025.
- NEW 1.4 Motion to approve the Resolution for Jordan Tax Services to be the Deputized Tax Collector for the Borough of Homestead and Steel Valley School District for the 2026-2029 term.

2.0 Operations

Capital Improvement, Update, Repair and Maintain Facilities and Equipment, Municipal Relations, Safety and Environment

Mrs. Hughes, Chair  
Mr. Colasante, Co-Chair  
Mrs. Karstetter

- 2.1 Motion to approve facility rental requests as presented.
- NEW 2.2 Motion to accept the General Recreation, Inc. proposal for the equipment and installation of the new playground for the New Elementary School for \$535,575.00, based off of COSTAR (#014-E23-313) pricing.
- NEW 2.3 Motion to accept the proposal for Kay-Twelve to supply the furniture and installation for the New Elementary School for \$1,247,419.10, based off of COSTAR (#4400025685) pricing.
- NEW 2.4 Motion to accept the ePlus quote for the wireless access points and licenses for the New Elementary School for \$104,094.12.
- NEW 2.5 Motion to approve a 1-year electric service contract between Duquesne Light Company and Steel Valley School District to supply permanent electrical service for the New Elementary School, effective immediately.

3.0 Co-Curricular Leadership

Activities, Athletics, Food Service, PTO

Mr. Colasante, Chair  
Mrs. Yuhas, Co-Chair  
Mr. Zortea

- 3.1 Motion to approve the attached fundraising requests as presented.

4.0 Special Assignments

Steel Center Career & Technical Education, Southeastern Special Schools, Board Policy, PSBA

Mrs. Karstetter, Chair  
Mrs. Hughes, Co-Chair  
Mr. Colasante

- 4.1 Motion to approve the second reading of Policy No. 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance.
- 4.2 Motion to approve the second reading of Policy No. 827 – Conflict of Interest.

5.0 Educational Leadership

Curriculum and Instruction, Career and Tech Education, Instructional Media Services, Special Education Services and Programs, Intermediate Unit Programs and Services, Strategic Planning, Instructional Supplies and Equipment

Mrs. Yuhas, Chair  
Mrs. Karstetter, Co-Chair  
Mrs. Ballas

- 5.1 Motion to approve the agreement between TCV STAIRS Program, a residential treatment facility, and Steel Valley School District to serve children and adolescents with primary behavioral health diagnosed and co-occurring Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or Intellectual Disability.
- 5.2 Motion to approve the resolution to accept and use the Ready to Learn Block Grant Tax Equity Supplement to support research-based programs and practices that enhance educational opportunities and improve academic performance of students.
- 5.3 Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Services Agreement between The Day School at The Children’s Institute and Steel Valley School District to provide special education and related services to students to fulfill Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

## 6.0 Communications and Technology

Public Relations, Communications, Marketing, Media Relations,  
Community Relations, Strategic Planning, Technology and Information Services

*Mr. Zortea, Chair*  
*Mrs. Hughes, Co-Chair*  
*Mrs. Karstetter*

### 6.1 Update.

## 7.0 Personnel Management

Human Resources, Compensation, Fringe Benefits, Negotiations,  
Recruitment, Selection, Staffing of Professional and Non-Professional Positions

*Mr. Bulger, Chair*  
*Mr. Zortea, Co-Chair*  
*Mr. Colasante*

- 7.1 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Deanna Mudry, French teacher in the High School, effective March 12, 2026.
- 7.2 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kayla Younger, from the full-time paraprofessional position, retroactive to February 23, 2026.
- 7.3 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Denzel Burris-Savage, from the full-time paraprofessional position, effective March 6, 2026.
- 7.4 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Toni Besh, Drama Costume Designer, effective for the 2025-2026 school year; Jamie Dolton, Girls Varsity Volleyball Head Coach; Gary Goga, Girls Junior Varsity/Assistant Volleyball Coach; Connor Szczepankowski, Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach; Warren Speck, Boys Varsity Soccer Assistance Coach; Dan Boehme, Varsity Cross Country Coach; Matt Simpson, Varsity Golf Coach; Alex Grace, Girls 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball Coach; Steven Ruffing, Girls 7<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball Coach, Edmond Tozzi, Jr., Varsity Assistant Football Coach; Russell Gill, Varsity Assistant Football Coach; Joe Markiewicz, Varsity Assistant Football Coach, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 7.5 Motion for the Board of School Directors, having approved and served a Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing with regards to Employee #6154, and having received no request for a hearing in front of the Board, hereby terminates Employee # 6154 from employment, retroactive to December 31, 2025.
- 7.6 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Daniel Green, from the Steel Valley In-house Security Guard position, retroactive to February 19, 2026.
- 7.7 Motion to resign Jon Drager from the position of Open Records Officer, effective immediately.
- 7.8 Motion to appoint Dr. Brian Plichta to the position on Open Records Officer effective immediately.
- 7.9 Motion to approve William Capp as a full-time district custodian at an hourly rate of \$17.50 per hour, based upon Step 1 plus benefits as per the Steel Valley Educational Support Personnel Agreement. This position is subject to a 90-day probation period, retroactive to January 5, 2026. Clearances and pre-employment screenings are on file.
- 7.10 Motion to approve the attached list of applicants to be placed on our support staff substitute call list to be called in as substitute secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians or for food service at a pay rate of \$13/hour with no benefits for the 2025-2026 school year when needed. New applicants are contingent upon receipt of clearances, passing required employment screenings and compliance with Act 168, which must be completed within 30 days.
- 7.11 Motion to approve the list of supplemental positions, for Spring coaches and volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.12 Motion to approve Paul Ciccone to be hired as a Steel Valley School District In-house Security Guard at a rate of \$16.50 per hour; applicants have the option of individual health benefits or the option of \$500/month opt out, effective March 2, 2026, clearances and pre-employment clearances on file.
- 7.13 Motion to appoint Danielle Padgett as a districtwide paraprofessional at a rate of \$17.50 per hour, based upon Step 1 plus benefits as per the Steel Valley Secretarial/Aide Education Support Agreement, effective February 27, 2026, clearances and pre-employment screenings are on file.
- 7.14 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dan McCarriar, from the Director of Technology position, effective April 20, 2026.
- 7.15 Motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to approve the closing/attrition of the professional positions:
  - Speech Teacher (Steel Valley Elementary School)
  - Math Specialist (Steel Valley Elementary School)
  - (2) Elementary Teachers (Steel Valley Elementary School)
  - Guidance Counselor (Steel Valley Middle School)
  - English Teacher (Steel Valley Middle School)
  - Dean of Students (Steel Valley Middle School)

- Dean of Students (Steel Valley High School)
- Math Teacher (Steel Valley High School)
- Technology Teacher (Steel Valley High School)
- Nurse (Steel Valley High School)
- Secondary Gifted (.5) (Steel Valley High School)
- Athletic Director (.5) (AD)
- Cyber Coordinator (Steel Valley Middle School / High School)
- 7.16 Motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to approve the closing/abolish of the professional position:
  - (1) PreK (Steel Valley Elementary School)
- 7.17 Motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to approve the opening of the professional positions:
  - STREAM (Steel Valley Elementary School)
  - Secondary Gifted (Steel Valley Middle School / High School)
  - Secondary Cyber and Alternative Ed (Steel Valley Middle School / High School)
  - Secondary Business Computer Information Technology (Steel Valley Middle School / High School)

Citizen Comments

Jim Deutsch  
Mark Fallon

Adjournment